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Arkansas Crop Progress & Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, March 23, 2014**. With recent dry weather, row crop farmers were able to sow more crops. Most farmers spent the week applying herbicides to wheat, feeding hay, and spraying/fertilizing their pastures. Subsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus; whereas topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 25 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending March 23, 2014				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	9	1	9	13
Rice, planted	1	0	0	2
Sorghum, planted	0	0	0	3
Winter Wheat, heading	1	0	0	1

Crop condition for week ending March 23, 2014					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	1	4	37	55	3
Pasture	6	30	39	22	3
Hay, other	9	21	44	25	1
Hay, alfalfa	5	8	40	45	0

Comments

- “Cattle producers needing warmer temperatures and moisture to make cool season pasture grow. Hay supplies were in surplus going into winter but the harsh winter has made them dwindle quickly.”

- Danny Griffin, Van Buren
- “Wet soil conditions continue to hamper any field work. Nitrogen was applied to wheat. [Farmers focused on] spraying some field with burndown herbicides.”

- Andy Vangilder, Clay
- “A small amount of corn and rice was planted, and some land preparation occurred.”

- Randy Chlapecka, Jackson
- “Farmers continued to prepare equipment for planting. Rainfall prevented any field work. Corn planting will begin when dry soils allow.”

- Brent Griffin, Prairie
- “Preparing the ground for planting melons and cantaloupes, spraying weeds, and feeding hay.”

- Joe Moore, Sharp
- “Starting to plow fields. Fertilizing and spraying wheat.”

- Jeff Welch, Pulaski/Lonoke

Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending March 23, 2014										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Kingston 2S	54.7	30.0	42.4	47.9	-5.5	0.34	3	NA	2.73	NA
Lead Hill	58.3	27.0	42.6	47.5	-4.9	1.06	1	0.05	3.54	-0.13
Winslow 7NE	56.3	32.1	44.2	NA	NA	1.06	3	NA	4.63	NA
Extreme/Average	56.4	29.7	43.1	47.7	-5.2	0.82	3	0.05	3.63	-0.13
North Central										
Calico Rock	60.7	29.4	45.1	49.0	-3.9	1.60	3	0.53	4.68	0.79
Evening Shade	61.8	28.2	45.0	50.7	-5.4	0.75	1	-0.01	3.92	0.17
Gilbert	63.7	29.7	46.7	50.1	-3.4	2.37	1	1.36	5.06	1.15
Mammoth Spring	58.9	28.0	43.4	48.8	-5.4	0.49	1	-0.57	3.21	-0.48
Mtn Home	59.7	30.9	45.3	50.1	-4.8	1.22	3	0.10	3.88	0.07
Mtn View	60.7	34.4	47.6	51.1	-3.6	1.29	2	0.28	4.87	0.94
Extreme/Average	60.9	30.1	45.5	50.0	-4.4	1.29	3	0.28	4.27	0.44
Northeast										
Corning	57.0	34.4	45.7	51.4	-5.6	0.39	1	-0.63	3.16	-0.71
Jonesboro	63.4	33.6	48.5	50.8	-2.7	0.99	2	0.00	4.12	0.29
Keiser	59.1	36.3	47.7	52.7	-5.0	0.52	2	-0.52	2.78	-1.22
Newport	59.6	36.1	47.9	52.0	-4.2	0.45	3	-0.61	3.81	-0.22
Pocahontas	59.1	33.0	46.1	50.0	-4.0	0.36	1	-0.68	1.46	-2.49
Searcy	61.1	33.3	47.2	52.7	-5.5	0.54	3	-0.57	3.75	-0.56
Extreme/Average	59.9	34.4	47.2	51.6	-4.5	0.54	3	-0.57	3.18	-0.82
West Central										
Booneville	63.9	35.3	49.6	52.2	-2.6	0.68	3	-0.30	4.30	0.67
Dardanelle	67.4	35.4	51.4	54.7	-3.3	0.34	2	NA	2.69	NA
Mena	63.2	32.5	47.8	51.3	-3.4	0.37	2	-0.60	3.92	-0.32
Subiaco	63.3	34.4	48.9	53.2	-4.3	0.26	3	-0.68	2.77	-0.84
Waldron	61.7	33.1	47.4	51.9	-4.5	0.46	4	-0.48	6.25	2.47
Extreme/Average	63.9	34.1	49.0	52.7	-3.6	0.42	4	-0352	3.99	0.50
Central										
Alum Fork	62.4	34.1	48.3	52.2	-3.9	0.62	3	-0.58	3.74	-1.05
Cabot	63.3	33.0	48.1	53.3	-5.2	0.65	3	-0.44	4.83	0.47
Conway	63.4	34.9	49.1	53.0	-3.9	0.38	2	-0.80	3.05	-0.88
Hot Springs	63.5	36.8	50.2	54.4	-4.1	1.17	2	-0.16	4.89	0.47
Morrilton	66.9	32.7	49.8	52.1	-2.3	0.81	3	-0.27	3.40	-0.72
Extreme/Average	63.9	34.3	49.1	53.0	-3.9	0.73	3	-0.39	3.98	-0.34
East Central										
Brinkley	56.6	34.2	45.4	53.0	-7.3	0.20	1	-0.48	1.40	-2.22
Des Arc	61.4	36.4	48.9	54.2	-5.2	0.42	3	-0.71	2.80	-1.47
Keo	60.7	36.0	48.4	55.3	-6.9	0.64	3	0.41	4.00	-0.06
Stuttgart	64.6	37.7	51.1	53.7	-2.6	0.60	1	-0.43	2.85	-1.27
West Memphis	62.6	34.7	48.6	53.2	-4.6	1.00	4	-0.10	4.97	0.50
Extreme/Average	61.2	35.8	48.5	53.9	-5.3	0.57	4	-0.43	3.20	-0.90
Southwest										
Ashdown	66.1	38.0	52.1	NA	NA	0.12	2	-1.05	2.54	-2.20
Dequeen	62.3	36.0	49.2	53.8	-4.2	0.00	0	-0.51	3.13	-0.62
Hope	65.6	36.1	50.9	54.7	-3.9	0.23	2	-0.87	2.91	-1.67
Murfreesboro	62.2	33.5	47.8	52.8	-4.9	0.29	1	-0.72	4.07	-0.01
Nashville	66.6	36.3	51.4	55.6	-4.2	0.31	1	-0.85	2.99	-1.56
Extreme/Average	64.6	36.0	50.3	54.2	-4.3	0.19	2	-0.80	3.13	-1.21
South Central										
Camden	66.3	35.1	50.7	55.8	-5.1	0.14	2	-0.94	2.34	-2.11
Fordyce	64.3	34.6	49.4	53.6	-4.2	0.21	2	-0.98	3.92	-0.95
Magnolia	64.7	35.3	50.0	55.8	-5.7	0.00	0	-0.82	2.01	-1.05
Prescott	64.0	34.2	49.1	54.0	-5.0	0.37	3	-0.60	3.16	-0.98
Sparkman	64.1	32.4	48.3	54.1	-5.8	0.31	3	-0.68	3.48	-0.49
Extreme/Average	64.7	34.3	49.5	54.7	-5.2	0.21	3	-0.80	2.98	-1.12
Southeast										
Crossett	65.9	36.7	51.3	55.4	-4.1	0.55	1	-0.51	2.46	-2.16
Eudora	68.6	40.9	54.7	57.8	-3.0	0.57	1	-0.48	3.16	-1.32
Pine Bluff	63.3	37.7	50.5	55.1	-4.6	0.93	3	-0.14	4.57	0.22
Portland	67.4	37.7	52.6	55.5	-2.9	0.23	2	-0.78	2.22	-2.34
Rohwer	62.7	38.7	50.7	55.4	-4.7	0.17	2	-0.79	2.56	-1.47
Extreme/Average	65.6	38.3	52.0	55.8	-3.9	0.49	3	-0.54	2.99	-1.41
State	62.3	34.2	48.2	52.7	-4.5	0.57	3	-0.42	3.47	-0.55

DFN = Departure from Normal.
NA = Not Available